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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF

Administrative Action

JUDY C. THOMPSON License No. 5986

FINAL ORDER OF DISCIPLINE

TO PRACTICE CHIROPRACTIC IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Chiropractic Examiners upon receipt of information which the Board has reviewed, and on which the following findings of fact and conclusions of law are made.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Judy C. Thompson, D.C. (hereinafter "Respondent") is a chiropractor in the State of New Jersey and has been a licensee at all times relevant hereto.
- 2. On January 26, 2004, Respondent was the subject of a Final Order entered by the licensing authority in the State of Minnesota. Specifically: the Final Order adopted the findings of fact and conclusions of law of a Minnesota Administrative Law Judge that Respondent had violated Minnesota statutes by charging a patient, R.G. and/or his third-party payor, Ward North America, for services rendered to R.G. on May 22, 23, 25, and 27, 2000, which Respondent did not render; and that Respondent had also violated said statutes by perpetrating a fraud upon a third-party payor, Ward North America, by knowingly submitting a false claim for services to a patient, R.G. on May 22, 23, 25, and 27, 2000, which services respondent did not render. (Copy of the Final

Order of the Minnesota Board of Chiropractic Examiners, dated January 26, 2004, annexed hereto and made a part hereof).

On September 21, 2004, Respondent's suspension was upheld by the Minnesota Appellate Court and Respondent's petition for review by the Minnesota Supreme Court was denied on December 14, 2004. (Letter dated December 16, 2004 from the Executive Director of the Minnesota Board of Chiropractic Examiners annexed hereto and made a part hereof).

3. The following disciplinary action was taken by the Minnesota Board: Respondent's license to practice chiropractic in Minnesota was suspended until further order of the board; and Respondent could petition the board for license reinstatement not earlier than one year from the date of the order, provided that Respondent paid a civil penalty of \$34,000 to the board, complied with all requirements for continuing education, and paid all renewal fees.

CONCLUSION OF LAW

1. The above disciplinary action provides grounds for the suspension of respondent's license to practice chiropractic in New Jersey pursuant to N.J.S.A 45:1-21(g) in that her license was suspended in the State of Minnesota, based on findings that would give rise to discipline in this State pursuant to N.J.S.A 45:1-21(b), (e) and (k).

Based on the foregoing findings and conclusions, a Provisional Order of Discipline suspending Respondent's license to practice chiropractic in the State of New Jersey was entered on March 3, 2005, and a copy served on Respondent. The Provisional Order was subject to finalization by the Board at 5:00 p.m. on the 30th business day following entry unless Respondent requested a modification or dismissal of the stated Findings of Fact or Conclusions of Law by submitting a written request for modification or dismissal setting forth in writing any and all reasons why said findings and conclusions should be modified or dismissed and submitting any and all

documents or other written evidence supporting Respondent's request for consideration and reasons therefor. The Respondent submitted a one page letter dated April 3, 2005, for Board consideration which asserted that she did not have an active or inactive license in Minnesota at the time of her suspension there; that she would never return to Minnesota or apply for reinstatement of her license there; and that she was currently unable to pay the civil monetary penalty assessed by the Minnesota Board. Based on those representations, Respondent requested that the Board dismiss its proposed suspension.

Respondent's submissions were reviewed by the Board, and the Board determined that further proceedings were not necessary and that no material discrepancies had been raised. The Board was not persuaded that the submitted materials merited further consideration, as Respondent's assertions did not dispute the Findings of Fact or impugn the Conclusion of Law. However, in view of her representation that she would never return there, the Board determined that it would modify its order so as not to require Respondent to become reinstated in Minnesota as a condition of reinstatement in New Jersey, so long as Respondent satisfies her obligations to that jurisdiction. The requirements for the reinstatement of Respondent's license in Minnesota are therefore incorporated into this order to the extent that they would be applicable to licensees of this State, without requiring her actual reinstatement there.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this $\hat{\mathcal{J}}$ day of May, 2005, ORDERED that:

- 1. Respondent's license to practice chiropractic in the State of New Jersey be and hereby is suspended pending further order of the Board.
- 2. Respondent may petition the Board for license reinstatement not earlier than one (1) year from the date of this Order, provided she has satisfied all civil monetary penalties imposed by the State of Minnesota.

3. If Respondent does not petition for licensure reinstatement within five (5) years of the date of this Order, Respondent shall take and pass the Special Purposes Examination in Chiropractic ("SPEC") with a score of at least 375. Respondent shall be responsible for all costs associated with the SPEC examination and any reexamination(s).

4. Prior to resuming active practice in New Jersey, Respondent shall be required to appear before the Board (or a committee thereof) to demonstrate her fitness to do so; and shall at that time establish by competent evidence that she has complied with paragraph #2. Respondent need not have applied for reinstatement in, or been reinstated by, the State of Minnesota. Any practice in this State prior to formal reinstatement of licensee by the Board shall constitute grounds for a charge of unlicensed practice. In addition, the Board reserves the right to place restrictions on Respondent's practice should her license be reinstated.

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Dated: June 4, 2005

Joseph Louro, D.C. Board President